

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

What a wonderful celebration we had for our 20th Birthday at the Preston Shire Hall! Thank you to the groups who set up displays around the hall. They were very festive and told the story of our development to the present day. Thank you to the members of the Planning Committee who worked tirelessly all day as your hosts: Diane Beaumont as our hostess, Claudia Sanzin at the door, Nancy Keele and Jean Garita organizing the kitchen, and also Doreen Ivanovski and Alleyne Tendelli who looked after the tables. Thank you to Paul Manuele who recorded it all for us on video.

Thank you to our guests who gave up a Sunday to attend: Cr Vince Fontana, our keynote speaker; Jenny Mikakos, MLC representing the northern region and shadow minister for seniors and ageing; Robin Scott, MP representing Preston; Fiona Richardson, MP representing Northcote; Elsie Mutton, the president of U3A Network Victoria and also the presidents of several neighbouring U3As. We were particularly delighted to welcome back our founding president, Eileen Capocchi, past president David Elder, Janet Tonkin, Tony Iaquinto and Elaine Braby. Philip Bain who, as Mayor of Northcote launched our inaugural meeting in 1991, helped Eileen Capocchi and Odette Stuckey cut the cake. Odette, our first secretary and Charles Keele, a past president who was also present, are still current members attending classes. Congratulations to you both.

The Shire Hall was full with one hundred members joining in the celebration, making it so very special. The choir looked terrific and sounded great with their harmonies! I passed on to Northcote High School your comments, saying how much you enjoyed the young musicians who played for you – the Clarinet Ensemble and the Intermediate Strings.

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**Don't miss the  
AGM**

**Tuesday 6 December 2011  
1 pm at Fairfield RSL**

- Door prizes – win some Christmas goodies
  - Calendar and class photos on display
  - Elect and welcome new Committee
    - Line Dancing Performance
    - Delicious afternoon tea

**Full details inside: Agenda p. 5**

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### Holiday Office Hours

During the first two weeks of December and the last two weeks of January, there will be someone in the office at the following times:

**Tuesday and Wednesday 10.00 am-3:00 pm**

\*Before visiting the office, please phone to check that somebody is in attendance.

### 2011 Committee Members

President.....Audrey Grace  
Vice-President .....vacant  
Secretary.....Frances Hennessy  
Treasurer.....Gary Nixon  
Assistant Secretary .....vacant  
Property Officer .....Jean Garita  
Newsletter Editor.....Jill Craig  
Tutor Co-ordinator.....Carmel Lee  
Membership/Class Records..Tony Wild  
Committee Member .....Lorraine Carr  
Committee Member .....Jim Logan  
Committee Member .....Judith Prosser

### Other Positions

Office Volunteers Co-ordinator  
.....Phillippa Wetherell  
U3A Network Delegate.....Odette Stuckey  
U3A Northern Region Delegates  
.....Halina Smoger & Bernice Healey  
Computer Consultant.....Russell Lennox  
Assistant Editor.....Teresa Pitt

## FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONT)

And, finally - the food! We thank our young caterers, Claire Stanyer and Patty Tharapos, for the lovely selection of hot and cold savories and the wonderful sweets. Nancy supplied the sandwiches and Luciano baked his famous profiteroles. We had many compliments for the birthday cake which was donated. It was such a great day, let's find another opportunity to get together soon.

*Audrey Grace*

## FROM THE EDITOR

**Coming Alive Again** is the title of the book we are producing to commemorate the story of the past twenty years in the life of Darebin U3A. The title, suggested by Carmel Lee, beautifully reflects the experience of so many members when they discover the joys of Third Age Learning.

We have been very fortunate to have two very long-standing U3A members on the Book Planning Committee – Odette Stuckey and Carmel Lee – who have been of invaluable help in clarifying our early history. Carmel has also provided us with a treasure trove of Newsletters dating back to 1993 and Doreen Ivanovski has given us some helpful ideas and insights into more recent years from her time as joint newsletter editor. Dianne Beaumont has been enormously helpful in researching our archives on the office computer. We are especially grateful to our editor, Teresa Pitt for so generously giving of her time and professional expertise in organising this whole project.

Due to many unforeseen circumstances, the schedule for the publication of this book has been delayed. We hope to be able to announce details of the book launch in the January Newsletter.

Jill Craig

## COURSE INFORMATION

### 2012 Course Information

First term commences on Monday 6 February and breaks for Easter Holidays on Friday 30 March. Please note that all computer classes run for a full Semester and do not take term breaks. Most classes will re-commence at the beginning of February, but there are some exceptions, so please check the timetable carefully. The accompanying **Members Re-enrolment Supplement** contains the timetable for First Term 2012 as well as Course Descriptions for all classes. Important changes to note are contained in the following bulletins:

**Charades Trivia and Music:** Noel Butterfield has decided to rename this class **Trivia and Other Pursuits** to denote the broad range of games on offer. (See Supplement for details)

**Cinema Studies:** In 2012, Paul Michell will revisit European Cinema. Classes will be held from 9.45 am to 12.45 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Fairfield, excepting February, June and July. The proposed screening list will be released at the first class on 28 March. (See Supplement for more details)

**Dinner Dancing:** Ethel Fredericks will welcome a new intake of learner dancers in the new time slot of 1 – 2 pm on Mondays at East Preston. This class is an enjoyable way of learning the basic steps of some Latin American and Ballroom dances.

**French Language and Culture:** Please note change of class time to 1.30 – 3.00 pm Friday at Bent Street.

**Introduction to Philosophy:** This course provides students with an understanding of philosophical thought through relaxed and informative discussions. The tutor, Dr. Peter Goldsmith is offering classes on Tuesday evenings from 6.00 – 7.30 pm at Fairfield.

**Italian Films:** Due to the success of this class, it is now moving to a new, larger venue at East Reservoir Tenants Group Hall at 7 Newton Street, Reservoir (Melway 19A9). Screenings of

selected Italian films will be held on the 4th Friday of the month from 10.30 – 1.00 pm, commencing 27 January.

**Italian Language:** The tutor, Adriana Ficarazzi is taking a break for health reasons and will not be conducting this class in Semester 1.

**Let's Talk Together:** Welcome back to Christina Fittipaldi who, after a year's break, is returning refreshed as tutor of this long running class (originally named Improving Your English). The members of the class wish to thank John Moorhouse who has travelled great distances to keep this class operating.

**Meditation and Healing Circle:** Please note new time and day – 10.30 - 11.30 on Fridays, commencing 17 February, still at Bent Street.

## NEW COURSES FOR 2012

### Ancient Civilisations of the Mediterranean

In this new course, Dr. Jone Gaillard, will 'start from the beginning' to see how pre-historic civilisations from the coasts of the Mediterranean Sea developed, transformed themselves and shaped the world from which we come. Classes: 1.30 – 3.00 Friday at Fairfield. See Supplement for full details.

### Ballroom Dancing – Intermediate Level

We welcome our new tutor, Barbara Johnson who is a qualified ballroom dancing instructor. This new class is for developing dancers who are no longer beginners. Add new dances and new steps to your repertoire. Develop technique and style. Aims are to have fun and to graduate to going as a group to small dance venues. Classes: Wednesday 2 – 3 pm at East Preston Senior Citizens Centre, Melway 19A10.

### Writing Your Memoirs

Beryl Evans, one of our more recent members, has conducted the following course a number of times at Yarra Valley U3A:

Women who were born in the final years of the Depression, the pre-war, war and post-war years (1930 – 1950) experienced very different

childhoods from those born in later years. In this course we will explore the childhood and teenage experiences of each participant in order to write her memoir. Sharing of experiences within the group and some sample excerpts from biographies will be used to stimulate these memories. These memories will then be used to provide a personal history written for family and friends.

There will be 7 sessions on Mondays 1:30 – 3:30 at Fairfield Station on 6, 13, 27 February; 5, 12, & 26 March and the final session on 14 May.

### 'Day Trippers'

Nancy Keele has offered to co-ordinate an exciting new social activity group to go on outings in and around Melbourne.

An initial planning meeting will be held on Friday 10 February from 10 – 12noon in the Meeting Room at the Senior Citizens Centre, Bent Street, Northcote. If you are interested in participating, please come along to this meeting with your ideas and suggestions for full and half-day outings (and also for the name of the group).

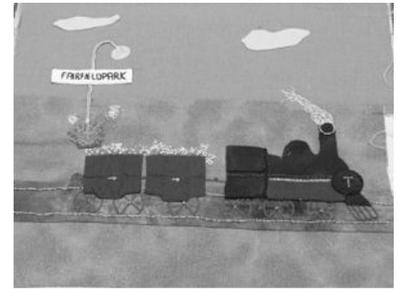
For instance, we could go on the free Melbourne City tourist bus shuttle, go by train to the shops in Maling Rd., Canterbury, perhaps go to an exhibition or a show. Jenny Mikakos, our local MLC has offered to take a group on a tour of Parliament House, including afternoon tea.

To cater for all abilities, we need to have some excursions with minimal walking requirements, while others can be for the more active. The days for outings can also vary. The group will meet in the foyer at Bent Street as it is close to all public transport – train, trams and buses. Occasionally we may 'car pool' or use the Darebin Council Community bus.

## CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY

One of the highlights of the 20th Anniversary celebrations was the presentation by our Needlecraft group of the wonderful new banner they created to celebrate this milestone.

In presenting this banner, Nell Bell, our Fairfield Story Teller and font of living history, told the story behind the 'Wattle Train' which is the large central image of the banner.



The Wattle Train Festival was an annual event where young lovers would travel by train to Heidelberg, then go into the bush to gather wattle for their sweethearts and return in the train bedecked with wattle branches.

The station sign in the image reads 'Fairfield Park' which was the original name of the station established in 1888. On 8th September 1896 the station was awarded the Railway Commissioner's Prize for the neatest metropolitan station and commended for its fine garden surrounds. In 1996 the Friends of Fairfield Station organised a street festival to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the occasion. Here is Nell's account of the event:

*There were bands, stalls, people in period costume and a town crier. The biggest attraction however was a pageant commemorating the station itself. One of the chief organisers was Cate Kyne (a U3A member who died in 2009). Cate had a wonderful plan: children in period dress holding wattle to decorate the train; police chasing an escaped convict; a newly written song performed by the choir and a story teller with the history of the station and the township. Alas it rained, it poured, there was no let up. There was a small but cheerful crowd, the story was told, the police chased the escapee. The crowd was soaked but the show went on.*

Many thanks to Nell for passing on her archive concerning the Friends of Fairfield Station. We are all indebted to this group for helping to save the historic station buildings from demolition, so that we now have them as our permanent home. **Stop Press!!** Paul Michell, our local Historian, has just tracked down more information and some great photos of this event for our history.

# **U3A DAREBIN INC.**

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**You are invited to attend our**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CELEBRATION**

at FAIRFIELD & ALPHINGTON RSL, 9 Railway Place, Fairfield,

on Tuesday 6 December 2011 at 1 pm

**12:45 to 1pm: Please register** at entry table and receive your door prize ticket

**1:00 pm: Welcome from the President**

**1.10 pm: Guest Speaker**

**1.20 pm: Annual General Meeting**

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of the minutes of previous AGM, 7 December 2010
3. President's Report
4. Financial Report for 2011
5. Other Reports
6. Thank-you to retiring members of the Committee of Management
7. Election of Committee of Management for 2012
8. Other Business – notice having been received in writing by the Secretary at least 14 days before this Annual General Meeting

Item 1: Appointment of an Auditor

**2.30 pm: Guest Speaker: Pat Townsend, President, Hume U3A, will speak about  
'The U3A Northern Network'**

**2.40 pm: Close**

**2.50 pm: Entertainment: U3A Line Dancers**

**3.00 pm: Refreshments** will be served at the close of the meeting.

The Door Prize will be drawn at this time.

Members must be present to receive their prize.

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2012 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Each year, as stated in our Constitution, the committee members and office bearers are elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold their positions for that year. Please see the **Contact Information** side panel on page 2 for the list of current members and their positions.

We welcome nominations for all of these positions for the 2012 Darebin U3A Committee of Management. This organization is managed entirely by members volunteering their time and ideas. Please consider putting yourself forward to fill a role where you have an interest or some expertise. A nomination form is on page 7 of this newsletter and more are available at our office. Please return your completed form to the Secretary no later than Tuesday 29 November.

As Darebin U3A is an incorporated body, it is mandatory that certain office bearers be appointed, in order to satisfy the legal requirements. Apart from the protection that incorporation provides its members, it is a condition of eligibility for certain funding, and the organisation cannot survive in the long run on membership dues alone.

### The Officers of the Association

Rule 21 (1) calls for the following positions:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Treasurer
- (d) Secretary
- (e) Assistant Secretary

This year three members have retired from the Committee: Don Stewart, who held the position of Vice President, Elva Armstrong and Jan Stewart who both assisted the Secretary with the minutes and correspondence. We thank them for their contribution to the smooth running of this organization. Many of the current committee members have expressed their willingness to

continue in their roles and are offering themselves for re-election.

### Meetings of the Committee of Management

are held on the third Wednesday of the month from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Role descriptions for all Committee positions are available by contacting Audrey via the office.

We are also developing **Subcommittees** to assist office bearers. You will see further suggestions for subcommittees on the back page of your re-enrolment form. We would very much welcome new members to join any of these groups – participating can be fun!

## NOTICE BOARD

### Notice to Tutors - Class Rolls

Could tutors please ensure the return of Class Attendance sheets to the Office after your final class, no later than 30 November.

### Seniors Online

Visit Seniors Online, a new Victorian Government website for older people, at [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au).

### Darebin Banner features in Fifty~Plus News

Our Needlecraft group is featured on page 9 of the November issue of Fifty~Plus News with a full-colour photograph of their new banner and an excellent story.

### January Newsletter

The January newsletter will contain the latest news and a number of items which we did not have space for in this issue. We would welcome more items from members, especially reports from the classroom.

Please send contributions to the Editor, Jill Craig at Darebin U3A by Tuesday, 13 December. Items of 250 words or less preferred.

Thank you very much to everyone who has contributed items this year for the newsletter and for the book.

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**NOMINATION FORM**

**NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT - 2012**

for elections to be held at the Annual General Meeting at  
Fairfield RSL, 9 Railway Place, Fairfield, Tuesday 6 December 2011, at 1 pm

You are invited to stand or nominate a fellow member to the Committee of Management for one of the following positions:

PRESIDENT	MINUTE SECRETARY
VICE PRESIDENT	TUTOR CO-ORDINATOR
TREASURER	PROPERTY OFFICER
SECRETARY	OFFICE CO-ORDINATOR
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER

I hereby nominate ..... for .....

Proposed: (Name) ..... (Signed).....

Seconded: (Name) ..... (Signed).....

I accept the above nomination:

(Nominee) ..... (Signed).....

In order to satisfy the requirement of Rule 23(1) (b) of the Constitution, please ensure that this form reaches:

The Secretary  
U3A Darebin Inc,  
PO Box 44  
FAIRFIELD VIC 3078

not later than Tuesday 29 November 2011.

**OTHER POSITIONS**

I am prepared to offer my services in one of the following positions (please tick )

<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER DATABASE OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> NEWSLETTER EDITOR
<input type="checkbox"/> CLASS ENROLMENTS OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> WEBMASTER
<input type="checkbox"/> COURSE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLICITY OFFICER
<input type="checkbox"/> U3A NETWORK DELEGATE	

(Name) ..... (Signed).....

## Our Privacy Policy

U3A Darebin is a community based provider of classes for older people and is run by volunteers. We collect names and addresses to enable us to mail out newsletters and other information about classes, and we list phone numbers to contact you directly if required. This mailing and phone list is not made available to anyone outside the organization.

We also ask you for personal details to provide statistical data to government funding agencies. This is a requirement for receiving government grants. The information is used for future planning.

This information is compiled into statistical reports that do not identify individuals.

If you choose to withhold these personal details there will be gaps in the data that will reduce the accuracy of the statistics, and this will not help our cause. We do not disclose any of this information to any other parties, and would never do so without your consent.

If you have any concerns or queries or would like to know more about how we handle your private details feel free to phone our office on 96 102 102 so that we can explain our procedures in greater detail.

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